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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Jerker Bergenek et al.

Application No.: 09/842,672

Filing Date: April 27, 2001

Title: CHECK FOR FINGERPRINTS

Group Art Unit: 2625

Examiner: SHEELA C CHAWAN

Confirmation No.: 9036

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$65.00 (2814) ☐ \$130.00 (1814) fee per  
Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

☐ Also enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  
☐ \$395.00 (2801) ☐ \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered.  
Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_,  
for which continued examination is requested.

☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_,  
which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also  
enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims		MINUS =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims		MINUS =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$ 0.00</b>

- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
- ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

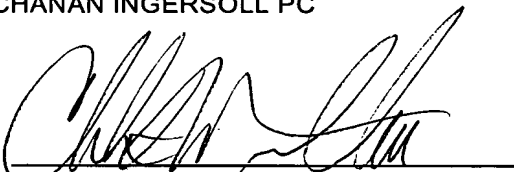
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action of June 30, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application.

Applicants note, with appreciation, the indication that Applicants' earlier arguments overcame the then-pending rejection. The new Office Action, however, includes a rejection of claims 1, 3-14, and 16-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by the Blonder patent (U.S. Patent No. 4,414,684). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Blonder patent is most easily understood with reference to Figure 1. It includes a method of comparing a first fingerprint pattern formed by a finger 4 on a prism 5 with a second fingerprint pattern formed on a recorded representation 2. Light from a lamp 6 is directed to the first fingerprint pattern and the resulting image of the fingerprint pattern is projected through a lens system 8. The lens system 8 includes a rotatable double wedge prism scanner, which basically causes the image of the fingerprint pattern to undergo a spiral rotational movement, such that as the fingerprint pattern is projected through the recorded fingerprint pattern onto a light